

2007

HB 1849 Agri-tourism Incentives Act; created.

C. B. Saxman

Summary as introduced:

Agri-tourism Incentives Act; penalty. Creates the Agri-tourism Incentives Act to allow qualified farm businesses to have restaurants and provide overnight accommodations on agriculturally zoned land under certain conditions. The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is tasked with administering this new program.

01/17/07 House: Tabled in Agriculture, Chesapeake and Natural Resources by voice vote

2008

HB 463 Farm wineries; list of usual and customary activities that will be permitted

D. B. Albo

Summary as introduced:

Farm wineries. Adds a list of "usual and customary activities" that will be permitted at farm wineries. Also, a winery that receives a judgment from a court of competent jurisdiction in a suit against any local government to enforce the provisions of this section shall be entitled to receive its attorney fees and costs expended in such suit.

02/08/08 House: Continued to 2009 in Counties, Cities and Towns by voice vote

HB 661 Agritourism and marine tourism; activity liability.

L. W. Lewis, Jr.

Summary as introduced:

Agritourism and marine tourism activity liability. Expands the Agritourism Activity Liability Act, passed in 2006, to marine tourism activities conducted by commercial fishermen. Currently, only agritourism activities on land are covered by the act, although aquaculture is already included as an agritourism activity.

02/12/08 House: Left in Courts of Justice

HB 1396 Agritourism; Commissioner of Agriculture & Consumer Services to promote.

M. J. Lohr

Summary as introduced:

Agritourism. Charges the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services with the responsibility of promoting Virginia agritourism both nationally and internationally. He is to hire an agritourism director to develop a statewide agritourism master plan and coordinate efforts to educate the public about the importance of Virginia's agriculture heritage and industry.

02/12/08 House: Left in Appropriations

2009

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02/08/08 House: Continued to 2009 in Counties, Cities and Towns by voice vote

12/04/08 House: Left in Counties, Cities and Towns

2010

HB 583 Farm businesses; local restrictions

R. S. Landes

Summary as introduced:

Local restrictions on farm businesses. Provides that local restriction upon activities and events at farm businesses to market and sell their products shall be reasonable and shall take into account the economic impact on the farm business of such restriction and whether such activities and events are usual and customary for farm businesses throughout the Commonwealth. The bill further provides that no local ordinance regulating noise, other than outdoor amplified music, arising from activities and events at farm businesses shall be more restrictive than that in the general noise ordinance.

02/08/10 House: Stricken from docket by Counties, Cities and Towns by voice vote